

power throughout the world. Maritime Prepositioning Force ships perform this mission by offering our military the equipment needed to be a fast deploying, mobile and sustainable force.

The July 6th renaming event for the newest of our Maritime Prepositioning Force ships offered my family the chance to incorporate the personal background of the ship's new name-sake with that of our own life experiences. My wife, Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw, was given the honor of being the Stockham's official sponsor. She performed the ceremonial breaking of the champagne bottle over the ship's railing and was given the opportunity to offer her personal thoughts of motherly pride for the men and women that would man the Stockham.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the speech given by Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw at the renaming ceremony for the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* into today's RECORD. This speech is an example of the pride our nation holds for our military personnel and the pride a mother feels not only for her own children, but also those in her heart.

Thank you Mr. Speaker for the time today to discuss the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* renaming event and the vital role the men and women of the Military Sealift Command play in the capabilities of our military force.

I was thrilled when I was asked to be the sponsor of this ship. It seemed like an exciting and wonderful thing to experience. As I read about Sgt. Stockham and the traditions of this time-honored ceremony, I became increasingly humbled and grateful for this rarest of honors. As a mother, I felt especially honored and even singled out for this particular ship named for this particular soldier. Sgt. Stockham was an orphan. He had no family and he never married. A friend was notified of this death. His body was placed in an unmarked grave that was lost for 60 years. Only the men of his company knew of his heroism until 21 years later because his Medal of Honor citation was lost in the chaos following the war. Having known the indescribable joy and privilege of being an adoptive mother, I immediately adopted this great soldier of the Great War into my heart and memory forever.

On June 13, 1918, the Germans savagely bombarded Belleau Wood with deadly mustard gas and high explosives for six long hours. Sgt. Stockham courageously led the evacuation of wounded and gassed marines. When he saw a young 17-year-old private cut down by shrapnel and his gas mask torn away, Sgt. Stockham without hesitation pulled off his own mask and put it on the young private and carried him to safety. He returned again and again to carry the wounded out. He finally collapsed from the effects of the deadly gas. He suffered an agonizing death a week later. He was 37.

Sgt. Stockham's heroism seems to me to be of a higher order. When he took off his mask, he was not just putting himself in harm's way or even risking death, he was knowingly condemning himself to a horrible death to save the life of his friend. 2000 years ago Jesus of Nazareth said that the greatest thing in the world is love and that there is no greater love than that a man would lay down his life for another. I am profoundly honored and it is with mother-like pride that I offer the gift of the

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memory of this great man to you and the mariners of the *USNS Gunnery Sergeant Fred W. Stockham*.

APPOINTMENT OF COLONEL
CHRISTOPHER ALLEN KNIGHT AS
DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA
HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Christopher Allen Knight as the newest Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Colonel Knight has accelerated through the ranks to become the leader of "Florida's finest." This is an exciting time for the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District.

The Florida Highway Patrol provides citizens with the highest level of professional service while promoting safety on Florida's highways through enforcement and education. I commend the FHP for their promotion of a safe driving environment through aggressive law enforcement, public education, and safety awareness; while reducing the number and severity of traffic crashes in Florida, and preserving and protecting human life, property and the rights of all people.

Colonel Knight was recently appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as the Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Knight was given his new badge on June 29, 2001 in Tallahassee. At his side were his 10-year-old son, Mitch, his mother and father, Herman and Genevieve, his sister, Connie Bennett of Venice, and his brother, Thomas Knight, who is a Highway Patrol Troop Commander in Pinellas Park.

Colonel Knight graduated from Venice High School and earned a degree in criminology from Florida State University, before taking a job as a patrolman with the Venice Police Department. He was later selected to serve in the Florida Highway Patrol, and progressed through the ranks in his 20 year career. He has been stationed in Miami, Bradenton, Palatka, and Tallahassee in various positions, including Commander of Troop H, Tallahassee, and Chief of Training at the FHP Academy. His most recent assignment has been Chief of Field Operations for Region II, which includes oversight of Troops C (Tampa), D (Orlando) and F (Bradenton). Knight will now supervise nearly 1,800 officers throughout the state of Florida as the FHP Director.

I congratulate this fine American, and I rest assured that the Florida law enforcement community is in good hands.

HONORING THE 30th ANNIVERSARY
OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of one of the

friendliest towns you will ever find—White House, Tennessee. Nestled among the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, White House is home to 7,220 residents.

The town got its name from an inn that was painted white and used extensively by people traveling the old Nashville and Louisville Pike in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The historic route was used often by such notable figures as Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson.

With its proximity to Interstate 65 and Old Hickory Lake, White House offers its residents a desirable and unique quality of life. Incorporated in 1971, the town is close to a thriving metropolitan area, but not close enough to spoil its pastoral qualities.

I congratulate White House and its leaders, including Mayor Billy Hobbs, who has served as the town's mayor for 25 years, for developing a community that understands the need for managed growth. May the town's next 30 years be as successful as its first 30 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HOWELL
JAYCEES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Howell, Michigan Jaycees Chapter on receiving the prestigious Harold R. Marks award for most outstanding local chapter in the country.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said "there are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still." Through their hard work and public service, the Howell Jaycees have done anything but stand still.

The Marks award is granted to chapters based on membership growth and the type of programs they offer their members and the community.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Howell Jaycees for receiving the Harold R. Marks award. May success continue to follow this outstanding civic organization.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL BROWN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Brown. For the past three decades he has been a proponent of higher education in northwest Ohio, serving our community as President of Owens Community College.

Mr. Brown has been affiliated with Owens since its inception in 1965, serving in various capacities that culminated in his serving the past seventeen years as President. Always a proponent of the student, he has been the watchdog on tuition increases. He proved his commitment to higher education by lowering tuition five percent for the 2000-01 academic